

**Sanders Wins
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FLORENCE—The Broadcast Education Association recently selected a podcast by UNA’s Dr. Patricia “Pat” Sanders as the “Best of Competition Long-Form Audio Production” winner for its 2021 Faculty Festival of Media Arts



Sanders competition. Sanders, the chair of UNA’s Communication Department, recently won the international competition with her podcast entitled, *This Prof Life: Women of Color in Higher Education*.

All submissions for the competition are peer reviewed and blind reviewed, with a highly-competitive acceptance rate. “This Prof Life” won in its respective category out of nearly 300 submissions from around the world. “*This Prof Life: Women of Color in Higher Education*, discusses race, gender, and equity in underrepresented and marginalized groups such as Black, Indigenous, and Women of Color (BIWOC); focusing on their leadership and teaching,” said Dr. Sanders. “It focuses on the challenges, accomplishments, and experiences of women of color in positions of administration and the professorship in the world of academia. Its goal is to elevate their voices and scholarship and to inspire other women into leadership roles.” Podcast listeners who wish to find “This Prof Life” may do so on Apple, Spotify, Amazon Music, Listen Notes, or any other podcast platform.

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Bob Torbert holds a jar of honey produced by bees from the Renaissance of Florence’s beehive. Torbert’s concern about a reduction in pollination of the community’s plants in previous years created the idea for the beehive.

Renaissance photo

Renaissance Senior Community Beehives Help Supply Honey and Pollinate the Garden

FLORENCE—The Renaissance of Florence, an assisted living community at 3275 Co. Rd. 47, is sweetening up their days with their own beehives on-site. The hives are healthy and undisturbed, located outside the community in the back corner of the courtyard nestled among the many trees. It all started when a resident at the Renaissance, Bob Torbert, was tending to his growing garden at the community. As an avid gardener, he grows all kinds

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Looney

FLORENCE - After a nationwide search, officials at the University of North Alabama last week announced Dr. Joshua M. Looney as its new Athletic Director. The seasoned veteran has experience in athletics at universities in Missouri, Pennsylvania, and two professional sports franchises. He will begin his tenure at UNA on September 1.

“I am very pleased that Dr. Looney has accepted my invitation to become our next Director of Athletics at the University of North Alabama,” said Dr. Ken Kitts, UNA’s President. “He brings extensive experience and

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Masks in Class at NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS-- Northwest-Shoals Community College will offer students online and traditional face-to-face classes this fall with the use of face coverings being required indoors on the Phil Campbell and Shoals campuses.

According to NW-SCC President Dr. Glenda Colagross, NW-SCC will follow the guidance of Center for Disease Control (CDC) of wearing face coverings indoors to start the fall semester. "Our goal is to offer our students classes in a safe environment that is the most comfortable for them," said Colagross.

"With our vaccination rates as a state being as low as they are and the Delta variant being so easily transmissible, we want to do our part to prevent outbreaks among our faculty, staff, and students. We are even exploring incentives for faculty, staff, and students who choose to be vaccinated."

This requirement will be for all faculty, staff, and students who are indoors and not isolated in an office setting. Masks or facial coverings are not required outdoors.

Classrooms will continue to be arranged to meet social distancing guidelines. As part of the NW-SCC COVID-19 plan, face coverings have been purchased for employees and students, and sanitization and social distancing signage has been placed on both campuses. Sanitation and cleaning protocols for each area of both campuses has also been established as part of the plan.

"We will continue to carefully monitor the conditions in our area

and adjust accordingly," added Colagross.

Students planning to attend either campus or take online courses this fall can register in a virtual or in-person format. For more information on registering for fall semester, please visit <https://www.nwsc.edu/2021-summerfall-registration>.

Fall semester classes begin August 19.

MSHS Grad Takes Honor

COOKEVILLE, TN. **Charria Campbell**, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Tennessee Tech University, has been selected for the Maxine Smith Fellows Program by the Tennessee Board of Regents.



Campbell

"It was definitely a surprise, but I am also very excited," said Campbell. "I'm thankful

that President Oldham considered me to be recommended for the program."

The program is named for **Maxine A. Smith**, a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents from 1994-2006. She was instrumental in the desegregation of public schools in the city of Memphis. The program's goal is to increase diversity, particularly with regard to race and ethnicity, in the faculty and senior leadership ranks in Tennessee public higher education.

Campbell is one of 20 recipients of this year's fellowship from across the state. The program provides professional development, training,

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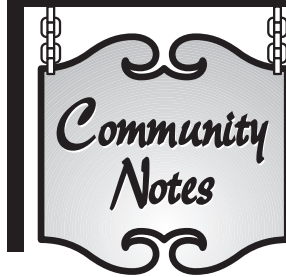
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For more information see the advertisement in this issue.

Hurricane Cemetery is located between Rogersville and Anderson on Lauderdale County Road 551. The cemetery was established in 1852 and is totally supported by volunteers and donations. Through a private donor, the cemetery committee started a project three years ago to create a historical documentary DVD to preserve stories from the past, as told by older members

of the community. The first release, "Hurricane Cemetery: Memories of the Past", is a 30 minute video now available for purchase. A copy of the DVD can be purchased for \$10 plus \$3 shipping by calling or texting Doug Newton at 256-247-1420. All proceeds will be used for upkeep of the cemetery and facilities. Please visit our Facebook page "Hurricane Cemetery" for photos and information.

Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market Open at 451 Fairground Road. The market will be open Saturdays during the months of May and October. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the months of June through September. Hours are 6am-1pm each day.

Music in the Park, Wilson Park, Florence, every Wednesday 11:30am-12:30pm.

The American Freedom Foundation to host Veterans hiring event, Your Next Mission™ Huntsville SMD 2021, (formerly Warriors To The Workforce). Presented in association with Still Serving Veterans and in conjunction with the 2021 Space & Mission Defenses Symposium (SMD).

Your Next Mission Huntsville SMD 2021 will be held on Wednesday, August 11 from 1000-1500 in East Hall #1 of the Von Braun Center in Huntsville.

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mentoring and a collaborative project opportunity.

Campbell is a native of Muscle Shoals. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Auburn in 2005 and master's degree in education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2008.

Plumbing in the Future

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College will begin a Plumbing Technology Short-Term Certificate program this fall. The program plans to implement a work-based learning component in the near future.

"There is a growing demand in the plumbing industry nationwide, and we are excited to offer this training for our local



Plumbing classes will be offered at Northwest-Shoals Community College. NW-SCC photo

workforce," said NW-SCC President Dr. Glenda Colagross. "We hope to take this program and grow it into a successful work-based learning opportunity with the help of our local business and industry."

The Plumbing Technology Short-Term Certificate program trains individuals to practice as licensed plumbers for residential and commercial environments. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters is projected to grow 4% from 2019 to 2029.

NW-SCC plans to

develop a plumbing work-based learning model to mirror the Power5 HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) Program. The Power5 HVAC is the first nationally-recognized competency-based HVAC apprenticeship program in Alabama. It combines an Associate of Occupational Technology Degree (AOT) in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology and two years of paid industry experience.

During the fall semester, NW-SCC will offer Introduction to Plumbing, PLB 111, and

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Constellium Gets its Kicks



MUSCLE SHOALS-Listerhill's Kicks for Kids received a major boost today with a \$5,000 sponsorship from the Listerhill Headquarters neighbor, Constellium.

Listerhill Credit Union's CEO, **Brad Green** commented, "We are delighted to have such a great neighbor in Constellium. Kicks for Kids provides children with a new pair of brand name athletic shoes to help to increase their self-esteem, encourage school participation, increase physical activity and give them an opportunity to reach their potential. With this partnership we are now able to take care of so many additional children."

Chris Smith, President of Constellium Muscle Shoals LLC was thrilled to present the check to support Kicks for Kids. He commented, "Constellium is tremendously proud to partner with Listerhill to support our community in such a meaningful way. Kicks for Kids provides us with the opportunity to give back to our community and make a lasting impact on a number of Shoals-area students. This is an investment we are honored to make."

The next Shoe Drop is scheduled to take place in September; the participating school will be announced next week.

To learn more about the Kicks for Kids program, please visit www.Listerhill.com/Foundation.

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Grants Lower Energy Bills

MONTGOMERY-Governor **Kay Ivey** has awarded more than \$39.8 million in special grants to help qualified low-income households with the costs of their home energy bills. The grants will enable 20 community service agencies to provide emergency funding to help low-income families remain comfortable in their homes during the hot summer months and cool winter months.

Gov. Ivey awarded the grants to agencies that manage programs at the local level. Those agencies receive applications from individuals who wish to be considered for assistance.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Rescue Plan.

- \$1.07 million was awarded to Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Inc. (Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale) 256-766-4330.

- \$2.94 million to Community Action Partnership of Huntsville-Madison and Limestone Counties Inc. (Madison and Limestone) 256-851-9800.

- \$1.79 million to Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Inc. (Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan) 256-355-7843.

53 Students Participate

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program had 53 students participate in the 2020-2021 GED/Nontraditional High School Graduation ceremony on the Shoals Campus.

According to the NW-SCC Adult Education Program, 148 students have completed requirements for their

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The Proof of Sonship

Hebrews 12:6-8 "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every SON whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." In the KJV, things are a lot clearer and understandable. SAVED, SAVED, SAVED. That word and its derivatives appear in a KJV over 350 times.

Pretty important to God, isn't it? One "know it all" told me that nobody knows for sure if he's eternally saved in this life. Then Almighty God and Jesus Christ had to be liars. But the Book says: **Luke 19:10** "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." **Hebrews 7:25** "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Our great Apostle said: **Acts 27:25** "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." **2 Timothy 1:9A** "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works," I choose to believe God over anyone else.

SONS OF GOD. John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" **Romans 8:14** "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." **1 John 3:1A&2** "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Beloved, **now** are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." **Galatians 4:7** "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." I choose to believe God over the liars. How about you? See Romans 10;13. Please ask Christ to save you now.

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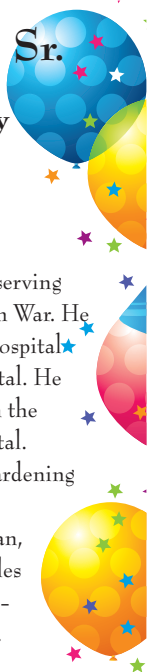
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"It is a great honor to join North Alabama during this exciting and transformational time in its storied athletics history. I am grateful to President Kitts, Provost Alexander, and the search committee for their confidence in me to steward the next chapter of UNA Athletics. I look forward to working with our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and faculty to produce results that will make The Shoals proud," said Looney. "Our athletics programs will be built on

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UNA is an NCAA Division I institution that competes in 13 sports as a member of the ASUN

Conference and in FCS football as a member of the Big South Conference. Kevin Haslam is the Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the UNA Foundation. He has served as the interim Athletic Director since June 1 after the resignation of Mark Linder on May 30. Looney will be joined in Florence by his wife, Jenna, and their two daughters, Parker, 5, and Perry, 2.

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Early in the coronavirus pandemic, Congress formed an emergency system to ensure free testing for the virus and to help uninsured Americans avoid big hospital bills for Covid-19 treatment. At the same time, most large insurance companies waived cost-sharing agreements for Covid-19 patients, limiting out-of-pocket costs for holders of private health insurance.

But as many bills arrive, some patients, such as Medicare beneficiaries who don't carry supplemental insurance, are falling through the cracks. And the uninsured are required to seek financial assistance and sometimes fill out labyrinthine paperwork to cover their bills, a tall task for many patients still suffering from the illness's long-term effects.

In other instances, hospitals mistakenly bill insured patients directly, or there are disagreements over whether certain treatments are the direct result of a Covid-19 diagnosis, as opposed to an unrelated problem. Some patients have been billed for follow-up visits and other care that they were told are not covered by government funds.

To check on what potential accommodations your insurance company has made for Covid treatment visit AHIP's (America's Health Insurance Plans) website for comprehensive list here <https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

What To Do If You Have Surprise Bills Or Medical Expenses You Cannot Pay

If you were treated for Covid-19, and the medical bills have started rolling in it's especially important to be aware of your rights and how to best handle bills that you can't pay immediately. If you were diagnosed with and treated for Covid-19, make sure you understand how the specific laws enacted could help. If your bills are for other reasons (even just follow-up issues such as pneumonia after surviving the coronavirus) the rest of the steps can help you too.

Alabama State Bar requires the following: "No representation is made that the quality of legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers."

- Ask for an itemized bill for COVID-19 treatments: This will help you spot errors like duplicate bill codes.
- Negotiate: You can always negotiate medical bills. If you are on an HMO or other plan and received treatments it doesn't cover, you can negotiate that cost
- Ask for a payment plan: Talk to your health care provider about setting up a plan to pay over time.

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Guest Opinion-Editorial

Arkansas Looks to Give Parents School Choice

if they disagree with mask policies

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Whether the parents choose to put their kids in another public school with a different mask policy, a private school, an online school, or to homeschool them is not the state's concern. Instead, Arkansas is looking at making the parents the ultimate decision-makers over their children's education.

Though it is a Republican-led bill, Arkansas families would benefit from such a program regardless of their position in the masks-in-schools debate. Families concerned about the Delta

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THIS WEEK

August 11, 2021

Happening
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Allen's Art is Like a Tufted Stone

FLORENCE—Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts will be exhibiting works by artist Cara Allen through September 13. The exhibit is the 31-year-old artist's first show in Alabama since moving



Cara Allen
Courtesy photo

to Posey Mill, AL from Dallas in 2019. Allen's abstract landscapes are rendered in yarn using an industrial tufting gun and are evidence of her continued exploration of technique as well as her ability to challenge traditional applications of yarn as an artistic medium.

Allen taught herself to knit as a young girl in Oklahoma and started her first business, the Yarn Barn, selling potholders and scarves to her parents,

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Drippy Mountains, Tufted yarn, 33" X 31"
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Southern Gospel Singing - Saturday, August 14 at 6pm. After mandated shutdowns, our Central Community Center is in need of funds for regular expenses like utilities, insurance, and general upkeep. This is our chance to give back to our community by giving much-needed support to our community center. No admission will be charged, but freewill donations will be accepted. Come out and enjoy a fun, uplifting evening of singing. Featured groups will be The Revealers, The Jones Family, and One Heart Quartet. The Central Community Center is located at 431 County Rd 6, Florence.

THE COLBERT COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS FOUNDATION will host its summer meeting on Sunday, August 15 at 2pm at Helen Keller Public Library, 511 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. Matt Kirkland will present the program, "Nitrate History and How Muscle Shoals Helped to Feed the World." The public is invited and there is no charge. For more information, call 256-710-9081.

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Stevenson's Fine Work

Editor:

I recently had the pleasure of viewing Tim Stevenson's gallery at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts.

Many of his pictures haunt your imagination as you wonder what preceded or what followed the theme.

They say that "real art conceals art," as does Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Art critics are still wondering.

Charles E. Moore
Florence

Marker Recognizes 1880's Male College

Editor:

What was the Alabama Male College in 1883 would later become Auburn University. Actually, the first organizing meeting to form AU was held at First United Methodist Church in Talladega. A historic marker stands at the location by the church on South Street today in Talladega. "War Eagle"



James W. Anderson
Talladega

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*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the divided states of America, ...
Divided by red and blue stripes and some white stars.*



Honey...

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of flowers, plants, and veggies, including tomatoes, hydrangeas, and more. Bob noticed the garden wasn't thriving as much as it should. To help get things going again, he decided to acquire bees to pollinate his garden.

After speaking with The Renaissance's Life Enrichment Director, Mary Donna Ott, about his idea, Bob called up a friend who was a beekeeper, Greg Crenshaw, to assist him. Greg soon arrived and took care of everything: the beehives, the bees,

and where they should be located.

"Last year we didn't have any pollination for our garden, and it didn't do well. So, I asked a friend, Greg Crenshaw, to bring us a bee hive," Torbert said recently. "He has and this is the result of our year of having bees," he continued, while showing off a full quart mason jar.

The hives have been up since May 2021. All honey collected will be used by the culinary team at the community to

make special treats for the residents, and the resident-led Garden Club will use the honey to raise more money to buy more plants.

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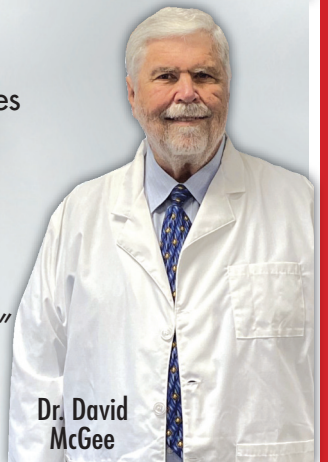


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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

They are Grand

I am right in the middle of Grands' Week. You know, that week in the summer when all the grands come to your house and you do something special every day. That means my husband and I (and Uncle Randall) have a six-year-old, a five-year-old and a two-year-old to play with and entertain this week. I could tell you about all the wonderful things that there are to do in the Shoals for Grands' Week - like playing with their friends at Gran's church, Gattman Park Splash Pad, watching Luca, learning to swim in the Y pool, Trowbridge's, playing with bubbles in the backyard, the Children's Museum, Deibert Park, playing in the river at McFarland with a picnic following, watching the Olympics, playing with Uncle Randall's fifty boyhood Hot Wheel cars, painting

seashells, visiting Leo III, Wildwood Park Trail and such like. Yes, Grands' Week is wonderful with our three beautiful babies (and some of you have more). But it's hard too. Grand's Week ain't easy in several, many ways, but I'll share a funny one. I am "Gran". I've been called "Granny" all my life. Somewhere midlife-ish my siblings changed it to "Gran". It was originally connected to my watching The Beverly Hillbillies all the time as a little girl. But finally time brought me these three sweet darlings that call me "Gran" appropriately - well, at least until this week. My daughter's two children call their other grandmother, "Grandmaw", and they see her more often. So this week when he wants something or even when he comes into the room, our two-year-

old Jericho (who is a boisterous, happy, all-boy guy) exclaims, "Heyyyy Grandmaw!" Which cracks me up every time! "I am not Grandmaw," I've said. "I am Gran." To which he replies with his hand on his chest, "I am Jericho." Every time, we go through two or three rounds of me trying to get him to say "Gran" by me saying, "I am Gran." And he says, "I am Jericho." He has not figured out that I am not a "Grandmaw". There's something in my mind that "Grandmaw" sounds older than "Gran" - no offense to all you "Grandmaws" out there. But really, I am "Gran". But it's okay, he keeps calling "Granddad", "Uncle Randall". At least it's not personal. Teehee! He will get it!

That's not the only thing that has gone wrong or that has been hard this week. It's been difficult to blend their sleeping schedules. Our daughter's kids go to bed early and get up early. Our son's little one is a night owl like him and gets up later. The other two want breakfast at 7, lunch at 12, and dinner at 5. The other one wants to eat whenever it is that she is hungry. Add on the

fact that I haven't cooked in years! It's hard! The dishes once again keep you in the kitchen! And there's no sleep because you're watching the monitor (that they sent) - every. hour. of. the. night. And the doing of laundry, especially towels, every day because you always choose water activities, and snacks and picking up toys constantly, and finding shoes and getting them on and the hair! Not to mention bath time and brushing teeth. And books and lullabies. And talking and walking and changing poopy diapers and boo boos and sadness for missing mom and dad. Oh my goodness, how can something so wonderful be so tiring?!!

To our children (and yours): We have not forgotten what it takes to have children. Thank you for raising our grandchildren. You do all of the above and much more every day. And we appreciate it. Enjoy the children of your youth! We are enjoying them in our old age. And we are bringing them home Saturday. Yours, Gran

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Over the last eight years, the Bank Independent School Share



drive has generated a financial impact of over \$172,363.50 across the seven-county footprint. All school supplies and cash donations are

distributed through local organizations in each market, including Sidney's Safe! Foundation in the Shoals.

"Our 29 sales offices and end-of-drive collection events have always allowed for convenient donations," said Chris King, Director of Marketing. "Two new options that have made donating even easier is our simple '\$5 Helps Carry the Cost Campaign,' which allows for donations through PayPal, and our Smart Swipe pledge match. Customers were able to donate online from the convenience of their device anytime throughout the drive."

Smart Swipe is a simple savings plan that rounds up change from Bank Independent Debit Card purchases to the next dollar and deposits the difference into another BI account of the customer's choosing. Bank Independent pledged to match Smart Swipe savings during the drive up to \$10,000. The Bank reached their pledge match goal and donated that amount to School Share partners.

River Heritage Trail Phase III

FLORENCE—Florence Mayor Andy Betterton, the City Council, city of Florence Departments, H&N Construction, Ross/Fowler Landscape Architecture, Urban, Design, and Planning, and community stakeholders kicked off the River Heritage Trail Phase III project last week with the official groundbreaking along at the River Heritage Park Pavilion.

Florence residents and visitors will have one more way to enjoy our majestic Tennessee River next year. The project will develop the first link of the Florence River Heritage Trail, approximately one mile along the Tennessee River connecting the River Heritage Park trailhead to the Patton Island Overlook trailhead. Interpretative displays of Tennessee River history and its significance to Florence and the Shoals will be featured along the trail, along with several overlook points, eco-friendly pathways, and lighting.

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Hypocrisy in America

Editor:

Do you remember the Pledge of Allegiance that some people still repeat on various occasions?

The words in the 1954 and current version are, *"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

The 1924-1954 version did not include "Under God". And with the trend to be without this again, we see where the country is going.

Analyzing our current status, the 2021 version has some different meanings:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the divided states of America, (Not all states and countries of all the Americas) Divided by red and blue stripes and some white stars.

And to the republic defined as *"a state in which the supreme power rests in a body of citizens entitled to vote and exercised by representatives chosen by them."* (Not by lobbyists).

And nation still under the sovereignty of the

creator (as all of this world is).

The hope for; indivisible, which we never had (Civil War, struggles from woman and racial suffrages, gangs and hoodlum control in many areas) and where socialist communism cannot be in control.

Liberty as guaranteed in the amendments to the Constitution, and a justice system free of politics (including the Supreme Court) and abiding by the legitimate law, and not opinions of the judges.

Think about it! Which of these pledges should we follow?

Jake Van Dyke
 Florence

Hypocrisy in America

Editor:

Let me ask a simple and common sense question. If this government (Democrat) controlled is so concerned about the Covid-19 virus and the

Delta variant why are they allowing all these ILLEGALIMMIGRANTS to enter the country untested for the virus? The answer is simple!

Biden and his minions bigger concern is they get this people in here, and get them registered to vote so the Democrats can remain in power and continue to pass their Socialist agenda! You wonder how the virus continues to spread? Well, now you know. It's more about getting more illegal voters that it is about stopping the virus. Untested illegals being distributed all over America, potentially spreading the virus everywhere they go!!! Make your voice known, and contact your elected officials including Governor Kay Ivey. Demand that the border be secured and illegal immigration halted.

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by DAVE RAMSEY



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Darby

Dear Darby,
I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Losing a

family history of illness or other health issues at a younger age, they may need to get long-term care insurance earlier. But you shouldn't buy long-term care coverage at a young age just because you're paranoid of what might happen, or because you think you'll save money. That's just not true.

In the event your mom becomes unable to take care of herself at some point, long-term care insurance would be an absolute necessity. The cost of nursing home care these days is astronomical. Again, your mom is in a great place financially, but a prolonged stay in a nursing home somewhere down the road could eat up her nest egg in a hurry.

Long-term care insurance is a wise part of any good asset management plan.

—Dave

spouse, or a father, is tough at any age. The good news is your dad did a great job of planning to take care of your mom. He left her in fine shape money-wise, but yes, she needs long term care insurance and a good estate planner. You need to help your mom do everything possible to handle her situation wisely. I usually suggest folks wait until age 60 to buy long-term care insurance, because the likelihood of filing a claim before then is very slim. In fact, about 95% of long-term care claims are filed for people over 70. That's why, in most cases, it doesn't make sense to get long-term care insurance earlier than age 60.

Insurance isn't a one-size-fits-all kind of thing, though. If someone has a

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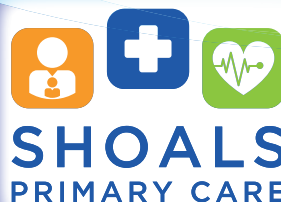
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Law school doesn't teach laws. One attends law school to learn how to think like a lawyer, not to memorize laws. Laws change; how they are properly analyzed does not.

Most of what happens in a civil trial happened before the trial. In civil cases, litigants are required to exchange information before trial. Through the discovery process, each party may depose (question under oath) the opposition and any other individuals who may provide relevant information. Consequently, each side knows the other's case well before the trial begins.

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variant of Covid-19 may want their child out of a district that is not requiring masks and into one that has a mandate, or at home with money to pay for online classes. Likewise, families in urban districts that require

masks who oppose such mandates could choose to move their students into a school without such restrictions. Either way, families throughout Arkansas would have a choice and be able to put their children in the environment they think is best for their students' health and academic excellence.

And that is what school choice is all about—families having the option to

decide the best learning situation for their children. Many families already leverage this choice because they have the means to do so. If the public school they are zoned for doesn't align with their point of view or their expectations for a high-quality education, it's not a problem. They can afford other options.

However, what about those families without such means? Are they less deserving of choice than others based on their income? Certainly not.

Most Alabama legislators disagree. This session alone, three bills that would have given families in Alabama more choice in determining their children's education were rejected. One would have funded charter schools more equally and resulted in more charter schools (and therefore more choice) in the state. Another would have made

Alabama the 48th state to allow open enrollment (North Carolina and Maryland are the only other states that don't have a statewide policy allowing out-of-district public school transfers). A final measure would have expanded choice greatly to military families, those with special needs, and adopted foster children.

None of them was as expansive as what Arkansas is considering. And none of them garnered enough support to pass even one body of the legislature, much less both.

Even with a Republican supermajority in both houses and polling showing that 80% of Alabamians support expanding school choice, Alabama is about to be left behind. While Montgomery struggles to approve minimal school choice legislation, other states with apparently

more conservative legislatures are poised to offer school choice to everyone.

Think I'm exaggerating? West Virginia, a state with a Democratic U.S. Senator, adopted universal school choice just this year. Armed with positive polling and a parent population angry at restrictive Covid-requirements and the liberal social agenda present at many public schools, other state legislatures are following in their footsteps.

If this last year is any evidence, Alabama is not going to be one of those states. Not with the current legislature.

Instead, Alabama legislators will likely continue to be distracted by gambling and ideas that will have a much less positive impact on our state's future than securing school choice for every single family. Meanwhile, states like West Virginia,

Arkansas, Florida, South Dakota, and others are being bold in their policy proposals and making the conservative vision a reality for residents.

However, there is hope. Parents and families have massive influence over their legislators that often goes untapped. If they are unhappy with the social liberalism that is being taught in some classrooms, mask requirements, or any other reason in how schools are being run, and if they tell their representatives so, it might steer them in the right direction. And if it doesn't, there's an election year just around the corner and an opportunity to put in truly conservative lawmakers.

If, that is, we don't want to be left behind.

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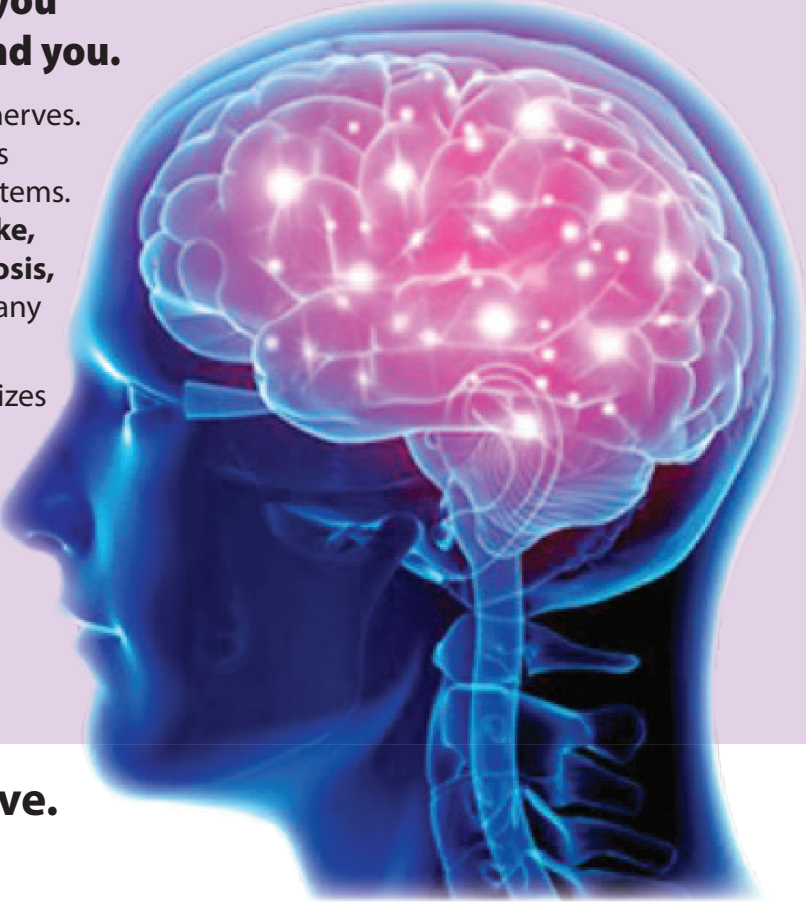
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sister, and neighbors. By high school Cara was creating her own patterns for outerwear and dresses, and in college she was deploying both rigorous knitting techniques and boundary-pushing crochet. Her capstone project, *Capturing Nature*, was the central exhibition in her university's annual art show for senior students. Looking back at how she conceived of fully immersive fiber sculpture after years of following traditional Celtic and Scandinavian sweater patterns, Cara attributes her inspiration to the caverns and geological formations she explored on the Cumberland Plateau while a student at the University of the South.

Allen began her career by designing sweaters

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Parker Falls, Tufted yarn, 19"X26" Artwork and photo credit: Cara Allen

notion that knitting had to be a linear, methodical artform".

Allen set aside her yarn and needles when other business opportunities surfaced in Dallas. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, she, her husband, and their three dogs relocated to rural, verdant setting of Posey Mill where Allen was once again inspired by the possibility of fiber. While restoring her family's 19th century farmhouse, she came upon

a hefty industrial tufting gun and contemplated the bare walls of her husband's childhood home. Thus, the idea for this collection was born.

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devises a plan. Finn attempts to navigate his new situation.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES EJ threw Sami out of the mansion. Gabi revealed to Jake how she intended to bring down Philip. Meanwhile, Philip confronted Chloe about chasing after Brady. Ava was unhappy to find Rafe comforting Nicole. Belle and Eli put pressure on Allie and Claire. Chanel and Tripp grew concerned about Allie. Paulina tried to help Theo, but her gesture

angered Lani. Ciara had a major breakthrough. *Wait to See: Gwen finds herself on the hot seat. Lani explains to Abe why it's so hard for her to forgive Paulina. Steve delivers upsetting news to Jack.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sam received a veiled message. Monica checked on Willow. Ned worried that Austin might have a case. Trina pressured Spencer to throw the party at Wyndemere. Jason and Carly discussed calling a meeting with the Five

Families. Ava imparted a bit of wisdom to Trina. Obrecht and Scott grew closer. Jordan was sympathetic toward Portia. Nina and Sonny grew even closer. Jax confided in Britt about his thoughts on Carly marrying Jason. Portia felt optimistic. Dante shared information about a case with Sam. *Wait to See: Jordan encourages Shawn to focus on his future and TJ. Jax confronts Jason about Joss' safety. Sonny and Nina are feeling optimistic about the future.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Kevin was suspicious of Adam's reform. Jack engaged in a power struggle with Ashland. Jack commiserated with Phyllis. Chelsea tested the waters with Adam. Abby received a cryptic message from Mariah. Nate and Elena struggled to find balance in their relationship. *Wait to See: Billy and Lily face an ethical dilemma. Victor questions Ashland about his intentions. Sharon asks Rey to help find Mariah.* (c) 2021 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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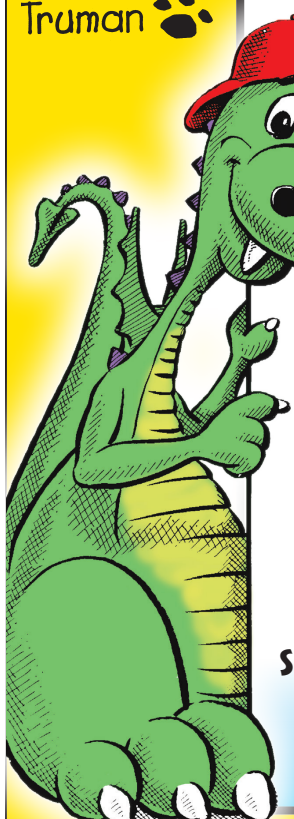
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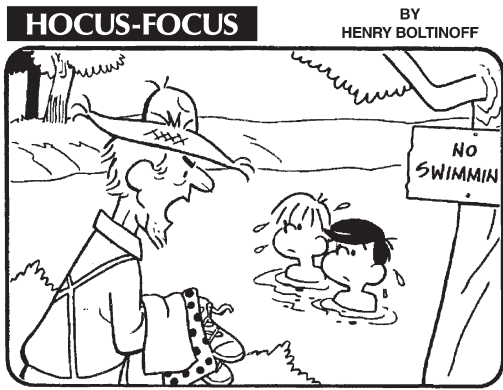
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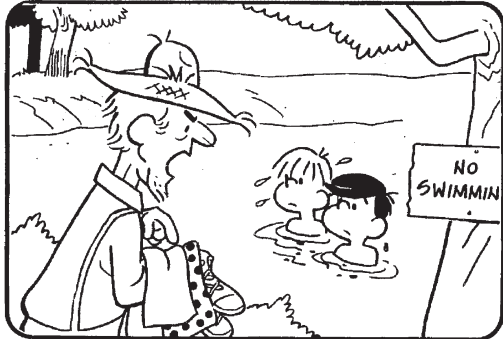
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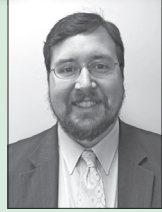
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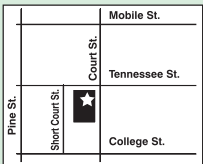
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Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) is using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding to provide a tuition break for students who register for the fall semester of at least 50 percent off tuition.

The College has received approximately \$6 million in CARES money to be disseminated for students. To date, the College has given out almost \$3 million. The amount of CARES funds students receive this fall will depend on how many hours they have taken at NW-SCC.

CARES money will be given to students after they complete their CARES application once they register for fall semester classes. All students that have applied for CARES will receive at least half tuition. Some may receive even more if they've been at the college throughout the pandemic.

High School Dual enrolled students (limit to two classes) and NW-SCC students that are within 15 hours of graduating will receive full tuition free if they have applied for CARES.

Registration is now underway at <https://www.nwsc.edu/2021-summer-fall-registration>

2021 Fall Registration Apply or register now for the fall semester. Classes begin August 19. Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) is working to make decisions that are in the best interests of the health, safety, and academic success of our students. For the convenience of our students, registration and advising for the fall semester will be conducted online and in-person. www.nwsc.edu

To be eligible for the financial help, students must first register for classes and then apply through their individual Moodle student portal. They will receive an email and/or text message from the college explaining the process. NW-SCC fall semester classes begin August 19.

Florence Parks & Recreation/The Club announcing Beginner Square Dance lessons each Monday, 6-8:30pm with Caller Kevin Cozad. Sponsored by the Singing River Squares.

\$21 on the first Monday of the month. You can begin any Monday. Casual dress and comfortable shoes. No prior experience needed. We'll have helpers to help you. Two left feet ok! It's for recreation and fun. For more information 256-760-6642. We do not dance on federal holidays.

Boomer's & Senior's Social Dance, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:45pm. Doors open 6 pm. Bottled water only. \$5 for the Band/The Browns. Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club, 450 Country Club Drive, Florence. This facility drug, smoke, alcohol, weapon free.

Florence Senior Center/The Club Serving Curbside Lunches 60 years and older, 11-11:15am Monday-Friday, call in by 9:30am. Dining in 11:30am. Sign in by 10:30am. \$1 Donation. 256-760-6420. BINGO Tuesday prior to lunch 10:15-11:15am.

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Shoals Southern Soul Music Festival - August 14, McFarland Park, Florence

The 1st Shoals Southern Soul Music Festival kicks off with headliner Calvin Richardson. The festival will include food trucks and vendors selling you the hottest foods and products.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio will be open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm through Labor Day. Tours are on the half-hour every hour and tour price is \$15. Discounts are available for military, senior and group tours. We are pet friendly! Tickets can be purchased online or at the studio www.musclehoalssoundstudio.org 256-978-5151. Muscle Shoals Sound Studio is at 3614 N. Jackson Highway in Sheffield.

Central Community Center Fundraiser - Southern Gospel Singing - Saturday, August 14 at 6pm. After mandated shutdowns, our Central Community Center is in need of funds for regular expenses like utilities, insurance,

and general upkeep. This is our chance to give back to our community by giving much needed support to our community center. No admission will be charged but freewill donations will be accepted. Come out and enjoy a fun, uplifting evening of singing. Featured groups will be, The Revealers, The Jones Family, and One Heart Quartet.

Central Community Center is located at 431 County Rd 6, Florence.

Super Sunday's all month in August at Grassy Baptist Church 4 miles East of Lexington on Highway 64

Sunday School 10am; Worship at 11am Sunday Night 5pm.

We will have a different Speaker each Sunday morning in August.

August 15 - Bro. Scott Dillashaw; August 22 - Bro. Steve Agree; August 29 - Bro. Jack Bailey

Bro. Sam Wallace, pastor at Grassy, will be the speaker each Sunday night. Everyone Welcome

Monthly Book Club Discussions at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library 350 N. Wood Ave. Florence. For more info contact: 256-764-6564 ext.136 or katie@fpl.org.

Thursday, August 19, 5:30pm - "Breathing Lessons" by Anne Tyler

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Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

He had one \$50 bill, one \$5 bill and four \$2 bills.

GRID A				GRID B			
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Medicare Minute

"Medicare Part A Part 2"

Last week we discussed how Medicare Part A will cover you if you are admitted into the hospital. A hospital, under Medicare, can be acute care hospitals, critical care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long term care hospitals or mental health care.

The one aspect of Medicare Part A we get the most questions about is coverage at a skilled nursing facility (SNF). To be covered by Medicare at a SNF certain criteria has to be met. First, of course, is you must have Medicare Part A. Next your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care given by, or under the supervision of, skilled nursing or therapy personnel. Your skilled nursing care will have to be in a SNF that is certified by Medicare.

What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a "qualifying" hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a "qualifying" hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a "qualifying" hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a "qualifying" hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

You also need to know that Medicare Part A will only cover you for 100 days at a SNF and only 20 of those days are at 100%. In other words days 1-20 are covered at 100%. Days 21-100 you will pay the first \$185.50 per day and Medicare pays the rest of the cost. Starting with day 101 you will pay 100% of the bill.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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